

AMENDMENT

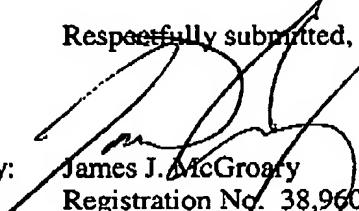
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Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7-11, 13 and 15-17 are rejected. Claims 3, 5, 12, and 14 are objected to. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7-11, 13 and 15-17 are hereby canceled. Claims 3, 5, 12 and 14 are hereby amended to include all of the limitations of their base claim and all intervening claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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